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which are due within a preselectable time or on a preselectable date and to which a first state is assigned, and assigning a second state to said selected invoices.

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Applying the methods, e.g. by using the system, is insofar advantageous as the introduction of this state concept greatly reduces the expenditures for search and querying the data bases and increases the system performance, particularly if huge amounts of invoices have to be screened.

Further, the collection of outstanding cash independent of a specific customer is made easier. A company can focus its capacity of cash collection on such invoices, which are considered to be most important with respect to its turnover. The invention allows a company to have an overview over critical invoices duly before the respective due dates, so that measures to ensure punctual payment can be taken in good time. Further, the management of the respective company can get an improved day sales outstanding, a better management of liquidity, an improved credit risk management through more transparency, better customer profiling through company owned credit scores, better accounts receivable reporting and a better communication with customers.

Embodiments of the invention are further directed to a computer system, a computer program, a computer readable medium and a carrier signal, each comprising program code or instructions for computerized processing of invoices, which a company has presented to two or more customers according to the above method and its embodiments. The invention is further directed to an electronic data structure having one or more data fields for one or more states.

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